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Letter dated 29 December 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 27-29 December 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if these bulletins could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*Signed*) V. **Nebenzia**

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Annex to the letter dated 29 December 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (27 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported five incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: three in Aleppo, one in Damascus and one in Homs.

The Turkish representative office has reported six incidents of gunfire: five in Idlib Governorate and one in Damascus Governorate.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has not carried out any humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,713 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,364.5 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 16 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 67,190 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 2,316.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (28 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 15 incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: 8 in Aleppo, 3 in Ladhiqiyah, 3 in Homs and 1 in Damascus.

The Turkish representative office has reported five incidents of gunfire: three in Hama Governorate and two in Idlib Governorate.

Most of the incidents of mortars and small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out two humanitarian operations for the delivery of food products to Atirah Atrah in Aleppo Governorate, with a total cargo weight of 2.4 tons; and to Buqayn in Damascus Governorate, with a total cargo weight of 2.4 tons.

In total, 1,715 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,369.2 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 124 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 67,314 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire agreement has been signed with Madinat al-Ghazal in Aleppo Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,317.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (29 December 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 11 incidents of gunfire: 6 in Ladhiqiyah Governorate and 5 in Aleppo Governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported 10 incidents of gunfire: 8 in Idlib Governorate and 2 in Aleppo Governorate.

Most of the incidents of mortars and small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the Nusrah Front terrorist group.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation to deliver food, with a total cargo weight of 2.3 tons, to Jabriyah in Homs Governorate.

In total, 1,716 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,371.6 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 76 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 67,390 residents.

The passage of two United Nations humanitarian convoys, with a total cargo weight of 144 tons, was assured to Nasriyah and Tayyibah in Dar'a Governorate.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire agreement has been signed with Balat in Homs Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,318.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.